CHARLES by the Grace of God King of great Britaine, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To our Messengers, our Sheriffs, in that part, conjunctly and severally specially constitute greeting. Forsomuch as we and the Estates of our Parliament presently conveened, remembring that at the first institution of the Colledge of Justice, and divers times thereafter in Parliaments ratifying the same; Our royall Ancestors and Estates of our Realme then assembled, found the erection of that honourable consistorie, which is a biding monument of the glorie of their reignes, not onlie to bee usefull for royall service, but also necessarie and profitable for the peace of this our Kingdome, and to the seene good and comfort of all our Subjects; And considering that the provision allowed of before to the Lords of Session was no wayes sufficient for defraying of their charges; And that through their continuall attendance, their private affaires are neglected, and great losses thereby sustained by them. Therefore, and to the effect, the said Senators and Lords of our Session, present and to come, may be more encouraged to goe on, and to persist as they doe, in their zeale, and affections to our service, and in faithfull ministration of Justice, to the generall weale of this our Realme and our Lieges; The said Estates, with our speciall approbation, and gracious good-liking, haue most freelie condescended, statute, and enacted, that a taxation be presently imposed upon their lands and means, which with our consent foresaid, they ordaine to be collected and payed to the effect, in manner, & at the termes following: That is to say, The Duke, Marquesses, Earles, Vicounts, Lords, and Commissioners of Shires for the temporall Estate, have granted that there shall be vplifted of everie pound land of old extent within this our Kingdome pertaining to Dukes, Marquesses, Earles, Vicounts, Lords, Barons, Freeholders, and Fewers of our proper lands, the summe of ten shillings mony at every one of the four tearms following, viz. The summe of ten shillings mony at the feast and tearm of Martinmasse next to come in this instant year of God, 1633. The summe of other ten shillings mony at the feast and tearm of Martinmasse, in anno 1634. The summe of other ten shillings money at the feast and tearm of Martinmasse, 1635. And the summe of other ten shillings mony at the feast and tearme of Martinmasse, 1636. And for the spirituall men and burrowes parts of the same taxation, that there shall be vplifted of all Archbishoprickes, Bishoprickes, Abbacies, Pryories, and other inferiour benefices, and of every free burgh within this our Kingdome, at every one of the foure tearms abouespecified; the just taxation thereof, as they have been accustomed to be taxed in all time by-gone, whensoever the temporall Lands of this our Kingdome were stented to ten shillings the pound land of old extent. And for inbringing the tearms payment of the spirituall mens, parts of the same taxation,

OUR WILL IS, and we charge you straitly and command, that incontinent these our Letters seene, yee passe, and in our name and authoritie command and charge all and sundry, Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Pryors, as likewise all noblemen, and others, in whose favour the erection of any prelacie or other inferiour benefice, or any part or portion thereof, bee it Lands, Kirks, or Teynds, or in whose favour the patronage of any benefice, Kirk, or Teynd is past, and all other beneficed persons contained in our taxt rolles, their heritable Bayliffs, Chamberlanes, Factors, and Intromettors, with their rents and livings personallie, or at their dwelling places, and by open proclamation at the Market-crosses of our Burrowes of our Sheriffdomes, Stewartries, and Bayleries, where the said Prelacies, erected Lordships, and small benefices lye, if they bee within this our Kingdome; And if they be without the same, by open proclamation at the Market-crosse of Edinburgh, Peir, and shore of Leith, upon threescore dayes warning to make payment of that summe, that they and every one of them are taxed unto. As for the sayd tearms payment of the same taxation to collector generall appoynted for receiving of the same, or to his deputies and officers, in his name having his power to receive the same, at the feast and tearm of Martinmasse, in the yeare of God one thousand six hundred thirtie years under the paine of rebellion and putting them to our horne: And if they fayle therein, the said tearm being bypast, that ye incontinent thereafter denounce the disobeyers our rebells, & put them to our horne, and escheat & inbring all their moveable goods to our use, for their contemption. And for inbringing of the tearms payment of our Barons and Freeholders, parts of the same taxation, and of the Fewers and Rent-tellers of our proper lands their parts thereof, that yee in our name and authoritie command and charge all and sundry, our Sheriffs, Stewarts, Bayliffs, their Deputies & Clerks, Fewers, Chamberlanes, & receivers of our proper lands, that they and every one of them within the bounds of their Offices, raise and uplift the summe of ten shillings money of our sayd Kingdome, of every pound land of old extent, lying within the bounds of their jurisdictions, as for the sayd tearms payment. And inbring and deliver the same to the said Collector generall, or to his Deputs & Officers in his name, having his power to receive the same, at the said feast & tearm of Martinmas, in the year of God one thousand six hundred thirtie years, under the paine of rebellion & putting them to our horn, & if they fayle the said tearm being bypast, that ye incontinent thereafter denounce the disobeyers our rebells, and put them to our horne, and escheat and inbring all their moveable goods to our use, for their contemption. And for inbringing of the tearms payment of our burrowes, part of the same taxation; That yee in our name and authoritie command and charge the Provest and Bayliffs of each burgh, to make payment of the taxt and stent thereof, to the sayd Collector generall, or to his Deputs and Officers in his name, having his power to receive the same at the sayd feast and tearm of Martinmasse in the year of God, one thousand six hundred thirtie years, under the paine of rebellion and putting them to our horne, And if they faile the said tearm being bypast, that yee incontinent thereafter denounce the disobeyers our rebells, and put them to our horne, and escheat and inbring all their moveable goods to our use, for their contemption according to justice, as ye will answer to us thereupon. The which to doe, Wee commit to you conjunctly and severally, Our full power by these Our Letters, delivering them by you duely execute and indorsed againe to the Bearer. Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh the twentie eight day of June, and of Our reigne the ninth year. 1633.

Per actum Parliamenti.

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